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November 5, 2014

SOUTH PYMATUNING TOWNSHIP CONTINUATION MEETING

The recessed meeting of the South Pymatuning Township Board of Supervisors was reconvened on November 5, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Building. In attendance were Supervisors Rose Lyons and Roy Masotto, Secretary R. Glenn Adams, Tax Collector Lea Anne DuMars, and Treasurer Karen Presley. Chairman Brian Geisel was absent.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

The meeting was for the purpose of continuing preparation of the 2015 budget and any other business to properly come before the Board.

Public Comment:

Ed Wilson talked about Dean Foods and what could happen if they were no longer in the township. He mentioned that when the sewer rates were raised, no one discussed it with anyone at Dean Foods. Mr. Wilson said that anything that may have a negative effect on the dairy should be discussed with them first.

Bob Layman said he called his insurance company today. If we no longer had a fire department, his homeowner's insurance could go up by twenty to twenty-five percent.

Rachel Doddato said Dean Foods just closed a distribution center in Kentucky and also moved the accounting and billing departments. Ms. Doddato said the removal of the fire department would increase the dairy's insurance.

Laurel Alexander isn't sure the fire department serves the community as it should, and she said they don't seem to be accountable for the money they receive from the township tax dollars. Ms. Alexander said there were two brush fires yesterday that the fire department did not respond to. She commented that we have a fireman on our road crew who was told he is not allowed to respond to fire calls while on township time. Rose Lyons responded that the fire report isn't due until January. She also said she does not want to pay road crew wages to someone to fight fires, saying it is a liability for the township. Mrs. Lyons said the fire department needs more volunteers. Laurel Alexander then said that maybe we should talk to Sharpsville's fire department if ours is understaffed. She said we seem to have more medical calls than fire calls in the township. Rose stated it is a courtesy to provide medical services, but not mandatory.

Kurt Toth said from what he has observed, the fire department is fabulous. Mr. Toth then asked if the township would be getting recycling bins. Rose said it will be addressed at the township's regular meeting.

Ed Wilson said there are a number of private ambulance companies and he wondered why we are in the medical business in the township.

Chris Nagy said it is a courtesy of the fire department and there are not always enough ambulances.

Martha Stambaugh wondered why the fire department received defibrillators if they aren't going to use them. She then said she wanted a copy of the fire department's expenditures. Rose told her to contact the fire department.

Tom Lyons said that the fire department will give a detailed report to the township at the beginning of the year.

Laurel Alexander said the Board has asked the fire department for a list of members and she doesn't think it was provided.

Roy Masotto said he thinks the Board should meet with those in charge of the fire department.

Tom Lyons requested one mill for the fire department. He said the fire department voted at their last meeting to quit running calls if they do not receive one mill.

Lindell Bridges said anyone using tax dollars should be accountable for the money. He said the fire department building looks great but the parking lot needs repaired and as long as they are showing their budgets, the fire

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department should be given the money they need.

Tom Lyons asked Lea Anne DuMars how much taxes would go up if the fire tax was raised to one mill. She said her property tax would go up by \$15.00 per year.

Roy Masotto suggested that the township set aside a certain amount of money to pay some expenses for the fire department when presented with bills. Members of the fire department stated they can't wait to have their bills approved for payment when they need something.

Tom Lyons again stated the fire department wants one mill and they also want a contract. He said if they don't get their one mill, they will notify the county on January 1st that they are no longer responding to calls.

There was discussion about adding a line onto the tax cards that would show the amount residents are paying in fire tax. The township would then pay the fire department exactly the amount of tax that was collected.

A motion was made by Rose Lyons and seconded by Roy Masotto to display the fire tax on the real estate tax cards. Motion passed.

There was discussion about certain line items and a tentative budget was prepared.

Rose Lyons adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM

Visitors in attendance:

Martha Stambaugh	Bob Layman	Michaelene Harris	Richard Harris
Ed Wilson	Sheryl Wilson	Lindell Bridges	Kurt Toth
Roseanne Lucich	Lori Palovsky	Tom Lyons	Laurel Alexander
Don Doddato	Stephen O'Brien	Dixie Raiti	Bill Klumph
Rachel Doddato	Chris Nagy		

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Presley
Treasurer